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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA REQUESTS MORE TIME FOR SECTION 1377
TELECOM TRADE AGREEMENT COMMENTS

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11. (SBU) Per reftel, on December 29 post requested comments from the South African Department of Communications (DOC) and the telecommunications regulator ICASA (Independent Communications Authority of South Africa) regarding SAG performance under various multilateral telecommunications agreements. On January 11 post received a request from both DOC and ICASA for an extension of the January 16 deadline for comments.

12. (SBU) South African government departments either close or are minimally staffed between December 15 and January 15 due to summer school holidays. If possible, post recommends a three week extension of the deadline for comments.
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